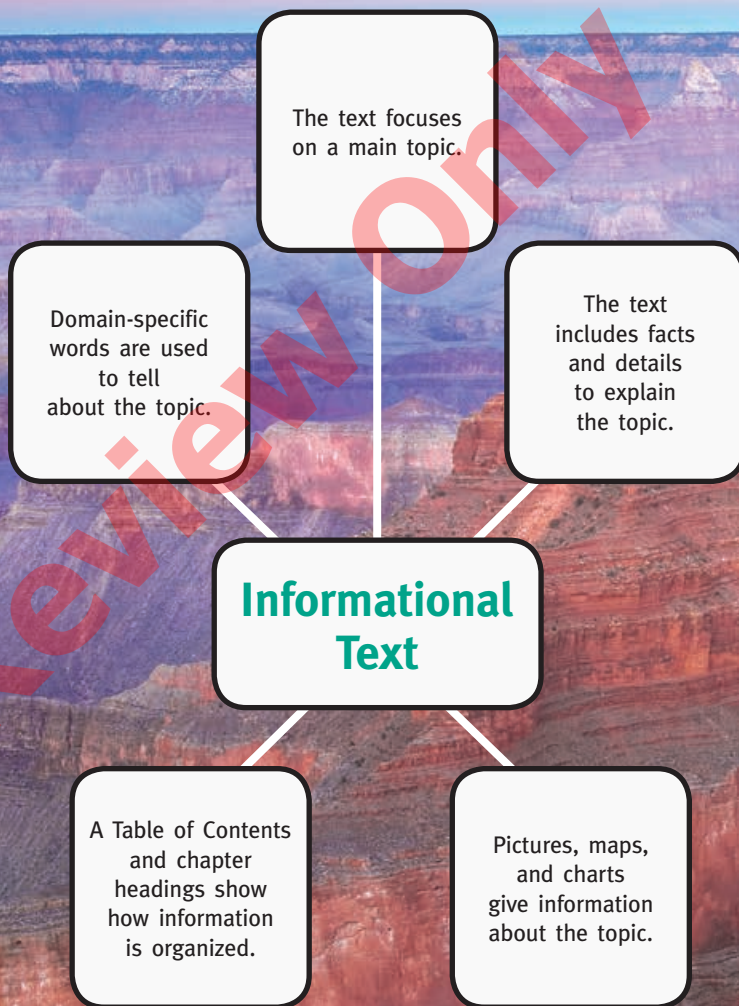


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# What Is the Grand Canyon?

The Grand Canyon is a deep, rocky opening in Earth.

- ▼ The Grand Canyon rocks are worn away after millions of years.



The Colorado River formed this opening by washing away the land. This is called erosion.



You can see the different layers of rocks in the Grand Canyon.



The striped layers and colors show how Earth has changed over millions of years.



The Grand Canyon is in the state of Arizona.



▲ This photograph shows the rock layers of the Grand Canyon.

The Colorado River runs through the Grand Canyon. The water of the Colorado River carries soil.



# Who Lives in the Grand Canyon?

Many plants and animals live in the dry heat of the Grand Canyon.



▲ The grey rattlesnake lives in the Grand Canyon and is poisonous.

Birds, like condors, live in the canyon.  
There are also snakes and lizards.

▼ The California condor is in danger of extinction. This means if it is no longer protected it could die out.

